

# The Autumn Leaves Are Dropping

from the trees; surprises are dropping all over our store. The earth will be richer for the leaves; you will be richer for the money saved by transacting business with us.

One Hard Case to beat is  
our line of Clothing.

## MORE NEW CUSTOMERS!

That's what we're after; we know there are more to be had because we had many more last week than the corresponding week of last year.

We know that if we can get our fall fabrics introduced to new people, new customers are sure to follow.

Trade at the 2-Floor Clothing House of  
**G. C. STERL & CO.**  
A \$100 Syracuse Bicycle given away free.

## COURT IS AT WORK.

JURY WILL BE IN FOR BUSINESS  
TOMORROW.

Harry Hartman Pleads Guilty to  
Theft of a Bicycle—Several Cases  
Disposed of—One Divorce Granted.

[From Monday's Daily.]

The October term of district court opened this morning, Judge O. L. Moore presiding; Guy Sackett, stenographer. The legislature last winter passed a law changing the opening day of court in this district from Tuesday, as it has always been, to Monday, to take effect Aug. 1, 1897. The officers of the court, accustomed to opening on Tuesday, forgot this change until after the jury had been summoned for the customary day, Tuesday. Hence, no jury was on hand. It will be in tomorrow.

The morning was devoted to setting the docket and hearing of motions, etc.

The four McNaspy cases were continued under the same bond as formerly.

State vs. Huffman, continued.

City of Abilene vs. Buchanan, an appealed case from police court, was dismissed by the city attorney.

State vs. W. H. Rowe, of Dillon, growing out of neighborhood troubles, dismissed.

State vs. Mitchell, larceny, dismissed. Robt. Morgan, who was also implicated in the matter, will be tried on a second count.

Harry Hartman pleaded guilty to having stolen a bicycle and awaits his sentence.

The Ehrsam cases growing out of claims for wages by employes will be tried to a jury.

Mary E. Snelling dismissed her divorce case against her husband, George Snelling.

Maud Longbine was granted a divorce from her husband, Peter Longbine.

The celebrated case of J. S. Smith vs. John Russel to foreclose a \$28 mortgage on Russel's home was brought up and Russel's motion to offset his services for Smith's election was heard and Smith given seven days to answer.

The injunction case against James Rowe of Dillon was on trial this afternoon.

The injunction was, after a hearing in court, made perpetual.

State vs. Killingsworth is set for trial tomorrow.

[From Monday's Daily.]

The jury was on hand today in district court and the business of the term was taken up in earnest.

Edward Watkins, accused of stealing a gun, had his trial on the appealed case from justice court. After the evidence was in Judge Moore instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty, there being no evidence against the defendant. Mr. Watkins is one of the county's popular young men and his many friends are glad to have their belief in his innocence endorsed.

Robt. Morgan pleaded guilty to larceny. He is one of the gang of harness thieves and supposed to be the leader.

Wm. Schmidt was excused from jury service. G. A. Fells was excused because not naturalized.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]

James Killingsworth, the Oklahoma man who came here with Nora Harris, was found guilty of rape and will go to the pen.

Jacob Wahl vs. Magdalena Wahl, a divorce case, was on trial all the morning. Decision not rendered.

Court adjourned this afternoon for the Old Settlers' reunion.

### Hit on the Head.

ENTERPRISE, Oct. 6.—Ervy Forester while fishing below the dam Sunday morning was hit on the head by a stone by some person above the dam. It crushed the skull and knocked him senseless and inflammation of the brain is feared.

### Select Knights at Dillon.

DILLON, Oct. 7.—A legion of Select Knights was instituted at this place by Grand Commander Ben D. Lillard, of Ottawa. There are 24 charter members and much enthusiasm for the work is manifest. Visitors were present from Herington, Gypsum and Clifton. The success of the lodge is largely due to the rustling abilities of L. C. Blair who organized it. Officers of the new lodge: L. C. Blair, P. C.; J. A. Sterling, C.; A. J. Martin, V. C.; Geo. Klover, L. C.; Joseph Murray, R.; L. Kiefer, R. T.; S. M. Hunter, T.; J. F. Williams, S. B.; F. L. Bostwick, S. W.; C. W. Arthur, J. W.; Otis Orr, S.

# Cloak Facts

And Figures that will interest every lady in this town or county who contemplates buying a wrap of any description this season

We believe the following reasons entitle us to your consideration when making your purchase:

FIRST—We have about 600 Garments for you to select from.

SECOND—They were all bought in New York City, the largest and best Cloak market in America. This fact alone assures you that the styles and prices will be right.

THIRD—They were all bought before there was any advance in either the cost of the Cloak or the price of manufacture.



FOURTH—If we were to buy the Same Garments NOW they would cost us from 50c to 2.00 apiece. More than we paid when we bought them, yet we propose to sell EVERY CLOAK we have on the basis of the LOW COST.

FIFTH—We Confidently Believe that we can sell you a Cloak Just as Cheap or probably Cheaper than you can buy the same kind of a garment in Kansas City or Chicago. All we ask is that you investigate for yourself.

While capes are in considerable favor, Jackets will be worn very largely.

The principal colors are Black, New Blue, Green and Navy.

We show a line of Jackets from 2.98 to 20.00; the most popular prices and the best values being from 5.00 to 10.00.

We have a SPECIAL number in a Beaver cape nicely braided, at 1.98, really worth 3.00.

Other cloth capes from 2.98 to 13.50 apiece.

We also have a Special value in a plush cape nicely trimmed at 3.98, worth 6.00.

Child's long cloaks, ages 3 to 6 years, 98c.

Nice boucle cloaks, lined throughout and handsomely trimmed, 2.48.

Child's Jackets from 2.48 up.

Misses' long cloaks with cape, ages 6 to 14 years, 2.48.

Nice navy beaver cloaks, ages 6 to 14 years, 4.95.

Misses' jackets, ages 12 to 18 years, 3.48 to 12.50.

(We permit no overstatements in advertising.)

We solicit your valued patronage and will take pleasure in showing you our large stocks of Winter Goods.

# J. B. CASE & CO.,

ABILENE, KANSAS.

## WAS FOULY MURDERED

CLEM SUFFERN OF SOUTH DICKINSON KILLED.

Found Near Topeka Where He Had Been Robbed and Then Killed by Thugs—Well Known in the County.

The body of a man who is supposed to be Clem Suffern of Holland this county was found yesterday afternoon ten miles east of Topeka, in Shawnee county, near the station of Spencer, on the Santa Fe. It was badly decomposed, and the man had been dead at least a week.

Santa Fe section men cutting weeds on the right of way three-fourths of a mile east of Spencer, found the body lying in weeds six feet from the fence. The man lay on his right side wearing a suit of clothes, minus the coat, while near him lay a blouse.

One the back of his head a long gash had been made with a blunt instrument and also his throat had been cut. His left trousers pocket was pulled half way inside out and the right one was entirely opened. The pockets of the vest had been rifled with the exception of one on the inside in which the following letter was found:

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25, 1897.—Clem Suffern, Holland, Kas.—Dear Sir: Yours rec'd as to Ben Smith notes. They are in my safe, being shipped to me here.

I will hold them, collecting and remitting to you as soon as paid. If change your address write to me where you go. Yours,

J. P. CAMPBELL.

The letter was written on one of the letter heads used by Mr. Campbell when he lived here. No other papers were found on the body. A handkerchief was found in the pocket. A pair of black worsted trousers were on the body and over these a pair of nearly new overalls had been drawn. The overalls had been pulled down enough to allow of getting into the trousers pockets.

About four feet from the body the charred remains of a satchel lay, and near it an empty bottle, which, upon investigation, was found to have contained naphtha. Nothing but the iron jaws of the satchel and a pile of ashes remained of the baggage of Clem Suffern. The naphtha had evidently been poured over the satchel and set on fire.

Near to the body a new fishplate was found. It is the thin steel plate which is used to join the ends of the railroad rails together. A pile of new ones stood near the section tool house at Spencer and this one found looks as if it were taken from this pile. It was undoubtedly the instrument used to deal the death blow to Suffern. The skull was crushed. It is probable that this did not instantly kill the man for a long gash was cut in the throat with a sharp instrument which severed the arteries. Otherwise no other injuries were found upon the body. A jury was summoned and an inquest was held at Spencer. The verdict of the jury was: "That the body before us which is supposed to be that of Clem Suffern, came to

his death by a blow on the back of the head with a dull, heavy instrument, and also by having his throat cut." The verdict further states that death was caused at the hands of someone "to the jurors unknown."

There is little doubt that Clem Suffern was murdered for the purpose of robbery. The burning of the baggage was done certainly to cover up the clues. There is not the slightest tangible clue to the murderer. As the killing must have been done at least a week ago the murderer has had ample time to make his escape.

Section Boss Helbert thinks he has a clue. He says that a week ago Monday or Tuesday he saw a man coming from the east whose face was badly scratched and he seemed to have had a great struggle. He thinks this was the murderer and that a terrible struggle had taken place prior to the fatal blow with the fishplate. A German girl who works at the section house says that she saw a man walk past the section house last Tuesday carrying a satchel, answering the description of the murdered man.

It is probable that Suffern was murdered somewhere near the railroad right of way and afterward the body was carried to the woods at the side and thrown over the fence. No blood was found near where the body lay, which gives color to the above theory.

The body was taken to Topeka awaiting an investigation.

Mr. Suffern was a single man, aged about 40 and a cousin of C. Bell of Holland. He had lived in southwest Dickinson many years. Orders were sent to bury the remains at Topeka.

### Death in Jefferson.

Shorman Ireland, a blacksmith of Jefferson township, died of paralysis, aged 67 years. He was well known in south Dickinson and had many friends.

Mr. Ireland was in Abilene last Saturday and had a paralytic stroke after reaching home causing death.

### Mother Taken Home.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]

Mrs. Sontag died last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Studeville of Jefferson, after a long illness. Mrs. Beier of Jefferson is another daughter, the other children do not live in the county. Funeral Thursday at 9 a. m. The sorrowing children have the sympathy of many friends.

### Funeral of Mrs. Hornung.

Funeral services of the late Mrs. Jacob Hornung were held last Friday morning, interment at New Basel cemetery. Rev. Mr. Wurttenweiler officiating. A large number of mourning friends and relatives gathered to pay their tribute of respect to her memory. Mrs. Hornung was born in Kentlingen, Germany, and was aged 54 years. She had nine children, all living and all but one grown to manhood. They have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Ask for Mrs. Sommer's Buttermilk Yeast (one cake makes eight loaves) at Snider & Son's, nine cakes for five cents.

### STATE TEMPERANCE WORK.

Meeting at Salina Proves a Pleasant Success.

Special to the Reflector.

SALINA, Oct. 6.—The delegates came in on all of the trains last night to the W. C. T. U. state convention and were taken to the Congregational church where the reception committee was in waiting to receive them and assign to the different homes opened to them. The horses, hacks and carriages were decorated with white ribbon bows and a large banner with the words "Welcome, W. C. T. U." greeted the sight of the White Ribboners. At 8 o'clock the executive committee met at the home of Mrs. Hopkins on Santa Fe street. Mrs. Ella Brown, state president; Mrs. L. B. Smith, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Jessie Marcey, recording secretary; Mrs. S. A. Thurston, editor of "Our Messenger" the state paper, and all of the district presidents, with the exception of Mrs. Ferguson, of the 1st district, were present. The convention opened this morning at 9 o'clock with consecration service conducted by Mrs. L. B. Smith.

Try the Log Cabin Maple syrup at Kump's.

Go to Charles Holt's barber shop, under Gulick's, for satisfactory work.

### MISS GORDEN WON.

Trades Carnival Prize Is Awarded—A Pretty Entertainment.

Another large assembly saw the second night of the trades carnival at the opera house. The display was even prettier than the first one and several changes were made in costumes that lent new interest. The little folks did their part particularly well.

Miss Florence Gorden, who represented Mrs. James Johnson's millinery store, was voted the most appropriately costumed representative and received the prize of \$2.50. There were several others that were also favorites. The net proceeds of the entertainments are about \$130, of which the Eastern Star gets one half.

### "Reflector" Visitors.

The following were appreciated callers on the REFLECTOR during the past few days. We are always glad to have our friends visit the office:

Walter Hollinger, Rheinhart; Henry Hornung, Dillon; F. W. Wright, Hope; C. R. Crumble, Hope; W. D. Bell, Navarre; Isaac Henderson, Acme; J. L. Engle, Acme; H. W. Kandt, Herington; Adam Boyer, Acme; J. H. Taylor, city; Frank Phillips, Acme; Alfred Smart, Chapman; J. R. Tilton, Abilene; R. J. Volkman, Woodbine.

### RECENT REFLECTIONS.

—J. W. Gibson is dangerously ill with heart trouble.

When it comes to heating stoves see the Cole Air Tight heater at Pisle's.

Chautauqua grapes at Kump's.

—Miss Jennie Brown has purchased a pretty new wheel.

—Marriage license: F. B. Jones and Edna Mariatt, Carlton.

—The Mother Bickerdyke home at Ellsworth was opened today.

—A Mr. Duffy who was too hilarious was arrested, charged with drunkenness and resisting an officer.

—F. H. Pope of Hutchinson succeeds Mrs. Cullen as operator of the Western Union and has taken charge of the office.

Ladies are invited to call and see the Delft enameled ware at Pisle's. You will like it.

—Wally Miller reports the arrival of a fine 10-pound boy at his house in Cheever. He says he has a full hand now—two boys and three girls—but that there is still another hand to fill.

Get your potatoes at Kump's.